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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James M. Florence
Serial No.: 10/053,026
Filing Date: January 18, 2002
Group Art Unit: 2877
Examiner: Layla G. Lauchman
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADDING OR
DROPPING A COMPONENT OF AN OPTICAL
SIGNAL

Mail Stop: Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant transmits herewith an Amendment in the above-identified application. An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims:	22	-	25	0	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims:	6	-	3	3	x \$ 86 =	258.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$258.00

A check in the amount of \$258.00 is attached herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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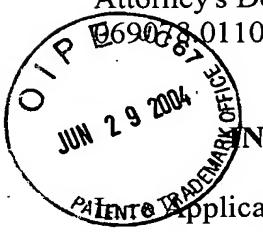
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I hereby certify that the attached Response to Office Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (11 pages), Fee Transmittal (2 pages), a check in the amount of \$258.00 for the additional filing fee, this Certificate of Mailing, and a Baker Botts LLP acknowledgment postcard (1 card) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on this 29th day of June, 2004 and is addressed to Mail Stop Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.

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